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or

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or

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A GUIDE TO PROVIDING FAIR HOUSING

**FAIR HOUSING IS THE LAW
IN INDIANA**



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*"Morality cannot be legislated,
but behavior can be regulated."*

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Fair Housing Choice:

The ability of persons of similar economic levels, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin to have available to them equal housing choices.

Impediments to Fair Housing Choice:

Any actions, omissions, or decisions taken because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin to have available to them equal housing choices.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing:

A good faith effort to provide information and otherwise to attract eligible persons from all racial, ethnic and gender groups in the housing market to the available housing.

METHODS OF AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING

Communities that are recipients of federal housing dollars are mandated to insure that access to fair housing choice is available to all, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin. Methods of affirmatively furthering fair housing choice include, but are not limited to:

- *Identification and analysis of impediments to fair housing choice;*
- *Support of state and federal and local fair housing law enforcement and administration;*
- *Partnerships between public and private organizations promoting fair housing;*
- *Activities that assist in providing remedies that will make aggrieved parties whole;*
- *Availability to the public of educational materials that address federal, state, and local fair housing laws;*
- *Availability of counseling services regarding fair housing to those in need; and*
- *The enactment and enforcement of local fair housing ordinances consistent with the state and federal fair housing acts.*

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development along with the *Indiana Civil Rights Commission* can assist in the creation of fair housing opportunities in local communities. Fair housing opportunity for all is the law of the State Indiana. If one is denied the opportunity to live wherever he or she chooses because of impediments to fair housing choice, it is a violation of Indiana's Fair Housing Act.